A NEST BUILDING FISH.

Nature Affords a Safe Asylum For the Helpless Fishes.

It is doubtful whether protective mimicry among animals is better exemplified than in the case of the fish commonly known as the marbled angler of the Sargasso sea (Pterophryne histrio). Owing to its peculiar structure it is a poor swimmer, and it therefore spends most of its life moving slowly about on the bottom among corals, seaweed, etc., which these fishes closely resemble in color and in outline. They cling, too, to the floating masses of sargassum weed with their peculiar fins, and the color markings of the fish closely resemble the weed itself. Not only does the weed thus furnish a home for this species, but the fish actually constructs a nest from it and therein deposits its eggs. One of these nests, found in connection with the Hassler expedition, was described as consisting of a round mass of sargassum about the size of two fists rolled up together. To all appearances it was made of nothing but this gulf weed, the branches and leaves of which were, however, evidently knit together and not merely tangled into a roundish mass, for, though some of the leaves and branches hung loose from the nest, it became at once visible that the bulk of the ball was held together by threads trending in every direction among the seaweed. By close observation it became apparent that this mass of seaweed was a nest, the central part of which was bound up in the form of a ball, with several loose branches extending in various directions. On still closer examination the nest above described was found to be full of eggs, which were scattered throughout the mass.

Nature has thus afforded a safe asylum for these somewhat helpless fishes, whose cutaneous filaments, which are plentifully provided on the belly, around the mouth and on the dorsal spine, so nearly resemble the weed itself that predaceous fishes doubtless fail to recognize the living animals, and thus the latter escape extermination.—Scientific American.

FOUND FISH SCARCE.

Capt. John J. Carroll Says School of Fish Are Late on the Peak.

Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. John J. Carroll, arrived Sunday from the Peak. He reports no ice there, but found fish very scarce, the school fish not having struck on yet. Capt. Carroll had two tugs on the Peak and one on the Sable Island ground and found cod very scarce. He finished up his fare at Liscomb, N. S.

He is of the opinion that there will be no big hauls by the salt bankers on the Peak this spring as was the case last year, as the fish will be late in striking on and the whole fleet will be on the spot by that time and fully cover the place with their trawls.

The Massachusetts secured a fair trip, which owing to the high prices will net a good return.

FANCY PRICES.

Paid for Fresh and Salt Cod of Sch. Massachusetts.

Slade Gorton & Co. bought today the salt cod and most of the fresh cod of the fare of sch. Massachusetts. The salt cod are mostly mediums and the price paid for this latter size was $4 per hundred weight, one of the highest prices on record for salt trawl bank medium cod.

The fresh cod brought $2.50 per hundred weight for large and $2 for mediums, the same figure that John Pew & Son paid for fare of sch. Jubilee.

The highest previous price for early fresh Peak cod was $2.25 and large and $1.75 for mediums.

March 8.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mary P. Mosquita, via Boston.
Sch. Lillian, shore.
Sch. Hazel Oneita, Georges, 12,000 lbs. cod, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt fish from vessels: Large handline Georges cod, $5.50 per cwt.; medium do., $4.50.

Large trawl Georges cod, $5.00; medium do., $4.00.

Large trawl Bank cod, $4.50; medium do.; $4.00.

Fresh fish splitting prices: Large cod, $2.50, medium do., $2. Haddoc, $1.30k.

Fresh fish for market: Large cod, $5.00; market cod, $4.00; haddock, (right through) $2.25.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. per lb. for gray.

Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts per lb. for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, $3.50 per cwt.

Shore and refrigerator herring, $3 to $3.50 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 18,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Marshall L. Adams, 20,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 500 pollock.

Sch. Moosanam, 7000 haddock, 37,000 cod.

Sch. Sea Fox, 9000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. William A. Morse, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 400 hake.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Viking, 3000 haddock.

Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 40,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Haddock, $2.25 to $3; large cod, $4.50 to $5.50; market cod, $4; hake, $3.50.

LARGEST ON RECORD.

Steamer Kingfisher Brings Monster Halibut Fare to Vancouver.

Is Commanded by Capt. Hans Joyce, Well Known Here.

The following from the columns of the Vancouver, B. C., Daily Province of Feb. 29, concerning the largest fresh halibut fare ever landed, will be read with interest:

The record of the largest fresh halibut catch of the world has been taken from the steamer New England by the steamer Kingfisher, which arrived in port at 5 o'clock this morning from the northern halibut banks with a hundred and twenty tons of fish on board. The record was previously held by the steamer New England, which last year brought into port a hundred and fourteen tons of halibut.

The enormous catch of the Kingfisher was made in three days on the banks off Dixon Entrance. The first day's fishing resulted in a catch of 20 tons, and on the two succeeding days the fishermen caught a hundred tons, the catch being about equally divided between the two days. The weather on the banks was fairly good. The fish are all fine specimens of their species. A number of the fishermen on the Kingfisher will receive as high as $100 for their work during the eight days the steamer was absent from port.

The steamer Columbia, which left the banks on Friday afternoon shortly before the Kingfisher, arrived in port at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. She hailed for seventy-five tons of fish, the largest catch she has made since she was placed in service a couple of months ago. As the Kingfisher is discharging the Columbia will lay alongside the dock until the former finishes. Both the Kingfisher and the Columbia were in shelter at Safety Cove, Queen Charlotte Islands, on Saturday. The former pulled out first. The Kingfisher, New England and Columbia all belong to the New England Fish Company of this city.

AUXILIARY POWER.

Sch. Shenandoah To Be Fitted with Gasoline Engine.

Capt. James C. Gannon, who recently bought sch. Shenandoah, has decided to fit the craft for mackerel seining and also to equip her with a gasoline engine to furnish auxiliary power.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Harvard, Capt. John Martin, stocked $1750 on her recent halibut trip.

Sch. Kentucky, Capt. Elroy Prior, stocked $1226 on her recent haddock trip.

Canadian Cod Here.

A car load of codfish from Canada arrived here this morning.

Good Stock.

Sch. Tacoma, Capt. Adelbert Nickerson, stocked $3300 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing $78.35. This is one of the best trips of the winter and shows that Capt. Nickerson is keeping up his same steady gait for good trips.

March 9.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

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Sch. Mary A. Gleason, shore.
Sch. Livonia, shore.
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, shore.
Sch. Galatea, shore.
Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. James S. Steele, shore.
Sch. Electric Flash, shore.
Sch. Annie ane Jennie, shore.
Sch. Olivia Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Olga, Brown Bank, 40,000 lbs. haddock, 3000 lbs. cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Illinois, haddocking.
Sch. Lawrence A. Munroe, salt banking.
Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.
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Boston.

Sch. Golden-Rod, 55,000 haddock, 35,000 cod

Sch. Jennie and Agnes, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Quonapowitt, 1000 haddock, 4000 cod, 35,000 hake, 5000 cusk, 600 pollock.

Sch. Nannie C. Bohlin, 80,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Admiral Dewey, 38,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 50,000 haddock, 23,000 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 45,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Reliance, 2000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 50,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 20,600 hake.

Sch. Arcadia, 55,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Vera, 35,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Rob Roy, 40,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Col. J. H. Austin, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod.